

Remarks


In light of the recent Appeal decision, Applicant now presents five independent claims, i.e., claim 1, 23, 57, 68 and 79. Those five independent claims respectively correspond to allowed claims 4, 9, 11, 31, and 33. More specifically:

- Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Allowed claims 6 and 8-16 depend from amended claim 1.
- New claim 57 includes the subject matter of unamended claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 9. New claims 58-67 include allowable subject matter from allowed claims 4, 6, 8, and 10-16
- New claim 68 includes the subject matter of unamended claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 11. New claims 69-78 include allowable subject matter from allowed claims 4, 6, 8-10 and 12-16.
- Claim 23 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 33. Allowed claims 26, 30-32, and 34-38 depend from amended claim 23. In addition, claims 30-32 are amended to remove "means" so the claims have proper antecedent basis.
- New claim 79 includes the subject matter of unamended claim 23 and the allowable subject matter of claim 31. New claims 80-88 include allowable subject matter from allowed claims 26, 30, 32-38. In addition, the claims corresponding to claims 30-32 do not include "means" to attain proper antecedent basis.

The application is now in condition for allowance as the independent claims are allowable over any combination of the cited art as determined by the BPIA. Further, the dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to their additional features.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0695.

Respectfully Submitted

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